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## Understaffed police force may lead to crime spike

BY JACOB TROXELL  
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Salisbury is the sixth-largest city in Maryland and is home to roughly 30,400 citizens, but recently Salisbury's crime statistics have been ranked among the worst in the state.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's report in 2010 of total offenses known to law enforcement, Salisbury falls second to Baltimore (out of 79 Maryland cities) in many of the categories. Salisbury was second in larceny-theft, burglary, property crimes, aggravated assault, rape, murder and manslaughter. Salisbury also ranked ninth in motor vehicle theft and third in violent crime reports, only four reports behind second place Frederick who had 454 violent crime reports.

Baltimore city was first in every category, due to it being significantly larger than all the other cities.

What may be the most striking statistic is that Salisbury is significantly smaller than the other cities. Being only the sixth largest city, Salisbury is nearly half the size of Frederick, which has over 60,000 citizens.

Frederick was in the top two or three for each category, being that it is the second most populated city. The fact that Salisbury was number two in most crime categories shows that it has more crimes per person than cities that have smaller populations.

Salisbury Chief of Police Barbara Duncan spoke at the Student Government Association's forum Sunday night along with Salisbury University Chief of Police Edwin Lashley about the issues that the University and community face.

"Last spring we were budgeted for 92 sworn officers to serve 30,400 people, not including the student population, and a daytime population of 78,000 people," Duncan said.

The Frederick Maryland Police Department, which had less crime

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## Senior lives Hollywood dream

BY SARAH KRAUSS

*News Editor*

In three short weeks over summer break, Salisbury University senior Kelsey Hovermale went from journalism/public relations major with a lifelong dream of writing entertainment news to staff writing as an intern for Ryan Seacrest Productions in Los Angeles, Calif.

"I've been thrown into the epicenter of everything entertainment," Hovermale said. "I am trying to soak up the entire experience."

Hovermale applied for the internship in December 2011, knowing experience is just as important as a degree post graduation. When she didn't hear back within a few months, she decided to accept a position with Disney as a four-credit internship through SU.

"I found out I could graduate early and I didn't want to do that," Hovermale said. "I knew as a Maryland student, if I went and did an internship out of state with E! or Disney, it would be something I would immensely enjoy."

With plans to work for Disney, Hovermale was set on driving to Florida at the end of August and working in one of the parks. On July 30, Hovermale received an email from Ryan Seacrest Productions stating they were in need of interns and decided to resubmit her resume and cover letter.

"I was like, okay I'll apply, whatever," Hovermale said. "It was a long shot."

Hovermale found out a week later she had made it to the next round of the internship process, which meant completing a six-hour writing diagnostic test, which took her eight hours to finish. The results of the next round would be released at the end of the week, but to Hovermale it meant by Friday.

"When I didn't hear anything by Friday, I cried myself to sleep," Hovermale said. "Then I said, okay, Disney is perfect, and I could be excited for that."

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*Submitted photo*  
SU senior Kelsey Hovermale works as an intern in the studio at Ryan Seacrest Productions.

## Rosen resigns after voter fraud allegations

BY ALANISHA ALLEN

*Staff Writer*

The Democratic Party discovered on Sept. 7, that former House of Representative candidate Wendy Rosen is a registered voter in both Florida and Maryland, meaning as of now the Democratic Party's candidate in the race for Maryland's First Congressional District is now ineligible to run due to voter fraud.

At the advisement of the Democratic Party, Rosen withdrew from the race. The winner of this race will represent the Eastern Shore as well as portions of Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Harford counties in the House of Representatives. He or she is responsible for advocating public policy for their citizens.

Rosen won the primary in April beating John LaFerla by 57 votes.

According to her website, Rosen is the founder of the Rosen Group, "a marketing, publishing and advocacy firm with the goal of providing American designers and studio busi-

nesses with the opportunities and guidance to grow and compete in the national and global marketplace."

Rosen's plan to fix Washington was to create jobs and rebuild the economy, protect local products, protect the bay, protect seniors and defend women's rights and equality.

Democrats were hoping she would win so they could regain the majority in the House of Representatives, said Michael O'Loughlin, political science professor at Salisbury University.

"If this were to happen, Nancy Pelosi will regain power as Speaker of the House," O'Loughlin said. "With this position, if something were to happen to the President and Vice President, the Speaker of the House would become President."

State Party Chair Yvette Lewis stated that Rosen voted in the 2006 general election and the 2008 presidential preference primaries both in Florida and Maryland.

Voting in two different states for the same election is a form of voter fraud.

At the moment, the Attorney General's Office is investigating the matter.

Maryland GOP Executive Director David Ferguson said Rosen should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, according to CBS DC.

"This is another prime example of the prevalent culture of corruption in the Maryland Democratic Party," Ferguson said in a statement.

Rosen's actions have made citizens look down on the government, said staff assistant at SU's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement Elaina Iosue.

Although the scandal does not affect the Democratic Party on a national level, it may hurt the reputation of the districts Democratic Party, making it difficult for whoever replaces Rosen.

In a process that is already unfolding, the party will have to choose a write-in as a substi-

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**Submitted Photo**  
Hovermale poses next to an advertisement for E! News Network of Ryan Seacrest in Los Angeles, California.

When she received a response from Ryan Seacrest Productions asking for an interview, Hovermale was in shock. After two interviews, Hovermale received a phone call saying she had made it into the program and that she would have only a week to pack her things and fly to California for the six-month internship.

"It really made it clear to myself how passionate I was and how much I wanted it," Hovermale said. "It was a stressful two and a half weeks, but my parents and I both knew at the end it would be so worth it for me to come out here and have this experience."

Hovermale's daily tasks as a RSP intern include writing breaking entertainment news, covering music video releases and transcribing Seacrest's interviews, in a process she described as "pitching, writing and publishing." Hovermale had the opportunity to cover a concert and meet the artists while reporting from backstage.

Although Hovermale said she is getting used to her 4:30 a.m. wakeup call every morning and extensive eight-hour days, she is still awestruck by the L.A. lifestyle. "I am in a building all day with

people who are writers, agents, directors and producers from Syfy, E! and NBC Universal, and I am just fascinated with the people who I pass in the hallway," Hovermale said. "I think, gosh, I wonder who you are, who you work with and what cool opportunities you've had in this business."

The hardest part of the whole experience is balancing the separation from her family and friends and her love of the business she has broken into, Hovermale said.

"Being so far from home so fast with little to no preparation has been hard," Hovermale said. "It was a see you later, you are going 3,000 miles away and we won't see you until Christmas."

Being homesick hasn't discouraged Hovermale from pursuing a career in California after she graduates.

"I have this mindset that if I don't do it now, I won't ever do it," Hovermale said.

Her ideal career would be in working for entertainment and public relations with event coverage.

"My heart's in PR, and I love journalism," Hovermale said. "I hope to combine these two loves."

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## American Legion hosts chili cook-off for local causes

BY MARIAH WAUL  
Staff Writer

Post 64 of the Great American Legion will be hosting a Barbecue and Chili Cook-Off fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Rt. 50, for the group to continue providing financial assistance to veterans and donations to other organizations in the area.

"The economy is bad, but we do not want to give up donating to events for clubs such as the Boys & Girls Club," said Linda Rickards, volunteer coordinator of the event.

In addition to sponsoring events for the Boys & Girls Club of America, Post 64 also donates to the Salvation Army, which provides shoes and coats for the homeless during winter months. The legion's primary concern is with the veterans.

Since 1919, Post 64 has provided assistance to local veterans by helping with issues that may arise with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, aiding soldiers suffering from physical and mental disabilities and

providing a homeless shelter for veterans which include bedding, sheets, blankets and clothing.

"Essentially, we are here to take care of our local veterans the best that we can," said Carol Nicholson, club manager for Post 64.

The idea for the chili cook-off was proposed by a member of the legion. The legion had hosted barbecue and chili socials in the past, but nothing along this scale.

"We decided that a huge event would be perfect to get more people involved," Nicholson said. "It would also be the perfect opportunity to provide locals with literature on what we do here."

Participants pay an \$20 try fee per barbecue and chili category event. Recipes are up to the discretion of the cook, and there is an option to prepare vegetarian chili. A special category under barbecue called "Anything Else" will also be included.

"Anything can go on the grill, from seared vegetables to cheesecake," Rickards said.

The chili portion of the cook-

### VOTER FRAUD

Ben Cardin  
U.S. Senate



**Photo submitted by Edward Kimmel**  
Former democratic candidate Wendy Rosen speaks at a campaign event.

tive for Rosen.

LaFerla, runner up in the primary, will most likely be the party's choice.

The Cecil Times reported that LaFerla has told state Democrats he is willing to run in November, though it's not clear whether he will be the party's choice.

Because it is too late to print the new candidate's name on the ballot, it may hurt his or her ability to raise money since there is little time to fundraise for ads before the Nov. 6 election.

During the campaign session a candidate has face-to-face time with voters so that

when Election Day comes the voters can cast their ballots for the person they know. Since this new candidate will have a fairly short campaign, the voter may not be able to recognize him or her and may not feel comfortable voting for this person.

Due to the image of the Democratic Party of the district after the revelation of Rosen's voter fraud, it may be hard for citizens to vote for the Democratic replacement. The consequences of the changing image may lead to undecided and independent voters.

"Investigate who is running, their agendas and choose accordingly," O'Loughlin said.

"Democrats have

little chance of winning; I'd put money on that," O'Loughlin said.

As of now, incumbent Rep. Andy Harris is running against libertarian Muir Boda and independent Michael Calipino.

"Issues shouldn't be overlooked. Youth should be aware of the issues that are going on around them," Iosue said. "Whatever your party affiliation, you should exercise your right to vote. Important issues are out there."

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### CRIME

than Salisbury in 2010, has 141 sworn officers, 49 more than the Salisbury Police Department. The Dover Delaware Police Department, another local force, oversees a similar population to Salisbury of 30,000 people, but they have 100 officers, and in 2011 they received 20,000 less 911 calls than the Salisbury Police department. Salisbury received 51,000 calls in 2011, nearly 140 calls every day.

"It made me think about traveling in big groups at night," freshman Ale Barber said. "It made me realize it's important to be around where people can see me."

Depending on how many officers are on duty that day, there may not be enough officers in the area on busy days. The reality of crime potential has students concerned about their safety.

"Let's say someone gets cut walking down the street, it costs us \$1,500 to investigate the crime, we don't need that, we can't afford it... The drug element brings a negative effect to the community," Duncan said. "Pills and marijuana may seem like nothing, but are a big issue."

Possible explanations for the crime rates include the downturn of the economy and people who travel for business.

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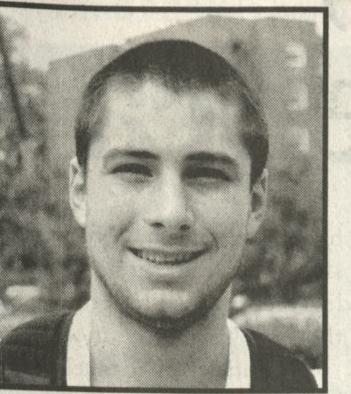
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Overheard: If you could study abroad in any country where would you go?

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"Ethiopia."  
Tommy Steele, Senior



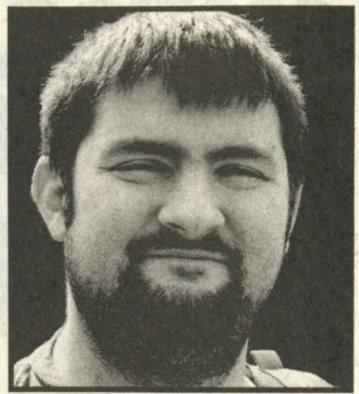
"I plan on going to Costa Rica this winter."  
Stacy Helgason, Senior



"New Zealand. My friend went and said it was great."  
Barry Gregg, Junior

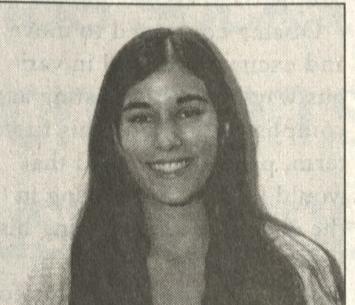


"Somewhere in Africa. I'm in nursing and interested in different health care."  
Etienne Zantop, Senior



"NYC. I'm not sure about international."  
Christopher Hager, Junior

## Legal to vote, legal to drink?



BY CHRISTINE KANARAS  
Staff Writer

The National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 was passed to make the legal drinking age 21-years-old. Many people support this, while others think that the drinking age should be changed back to 18.

When you turn 18, you legally become an adult. Since you gain so many rights at age 18, I feel like that should also be the drinking age. You can vote, adopt a child, play the lottery, buy cigarettes and even sign up to fight in war. If a person can handle those rights, they should be able to drink.

18-year-olds would not have to lie to their parents as much. They could simply say "Mom and Dad, I'm going to a party tonight and might have a few drinks so I am going to stay there for the night." It is a matter of planning ahead and people being aware of the effects of alcohol.

Many people feel that 18-year-olds are not responsible enough to handle drinking safely, but age has nothing to do with it. Being 21 does not automatically make someone more mature. In colleges

everywhere, there is illegal drinking going on, which shows that age restrictions do not stop people from obtaining alcohol.

The statistics on alcohol consumption and death rates have not shifted significantly throughout the years since the drinking age was raised. This shows that changing the drinking age would probably not have a huge affect on things such as drunk driving. If people had the freedom to drink at 18, people would be more responsible about getting designated drivers or staying where they are as opposed to drunk driving.

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## Tax zapping businesses steal consumer dollars



BY AJIA ALLEN  
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Salisbury University has attracted two new high-profile businesses which students, particularly coffee drinkers, will very much enjoy.

After much anticipation, the Sea Gull Square Starbucks is scheduled to open Sept. 27. The other company seeking students' business is 7-Eleven, which will open across Route 13 in the location where Romeo's Pizzeria used to be.

Which over convenience will be a dominating factor in the decisions made by early morning goers on the way to the office or class. As anticipated by the known convenience store, variety and affordability will immediately attract another wide-eyed, younger consumer base.

Starbucks may seem like the obvious victor in this quiet rivalry, but 7-Eleven does have something to offer: cheaper prices. Coffee from Starbucks

is famous for its high-quality and is considered worth the three to five dollar cost by many.

Deciding between the two

businesses simply will depend on the day a customer is having. A grande caramel macchiato may be what the moment calls for. On the other hand, a small regular decaf with added cream may make the morning just right. Fortunately, both options are available. If worse comes to worse, the best resolution is to enjoy both, providing that personal expenses are generous.

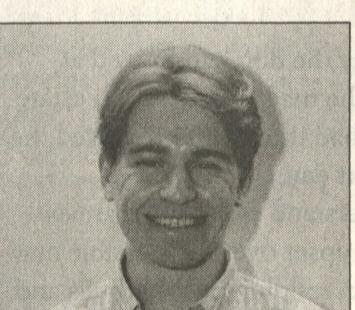
Where Starbucks lacks in hourly operation, 7-Eleven makes up for because the franchises are usually open 24 hours. Likewise, Starbucks trumps its close-by competition in known quality of product.

Quality over convenience will be a dominating factor in the decisions made by early morning goers on the way to the office or class. As anticipated by the known convenience store, variety and affordability will immediately attract another wide-eyed, younger consumer base.

Starbucks will more than likely win over the caffeine-addicted faculty, while 7-Eleven is just what students have needed for late night cravings.

A variety in snacks and convenience are in fact a college student's late night best friends.

## The death of Ambassador Stevens: A failure of cultural understanding



BY THELONIOUS W.  
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In much of Africa and the Middle East, the assassination of a diplomat or government official is rather commonplace.

Within the past couple of weeks both the Yemeni defense minister and the newly-elected president of Somalia were targets of assassination attempts, while an Algerian diplomat was kidnapped and killed in northern Mali. This region of the world is quite familiar with diplomatic assassinations. The United States, however, is not.

Fortunately, considering the controversy that surrounds them, our foreign diplomats have remained very well protected. Until the assassination of Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens, the killing of a U.S. ambassador had not occurred since 1979.

The front page New York Times article about the attack began, "Islamist militants armed with anti-aircraft weapons and rocket-propelled grenades stormed a lightly defended United States diplomatic mission in Benghazi late Tuesday, killing the American ambassador and three members of his staff and raising fresh questions about the radicalization of countries swept up in the Arab Spring."

This attack has highlighted the massive gap between Muslims and Islamist extremists. Although no group, as of yet, has claimed responsibility for the attack, al-Qaeda affiliated groups appear responsible.

Islamist extremism has already dominated the media and appears to be the most important issue in this crisis.

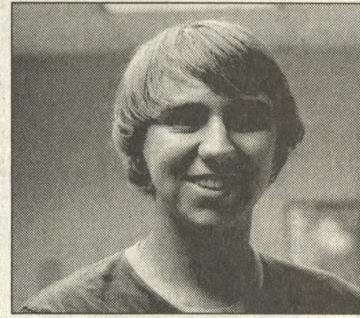
Unfortunately, Americans are quick to associate "Islamist extremists" with all Muslims. The "radicalization of countries swept up in the Arab Spring" accurately embodies American thought concerning the region, but the statement itself is quite inaccurate. Albeit Egypt now has an Islamist president and Tunisia's ruling party is also Islamist, this does not represent a "radicalization" of the region; instead this represents a "Islamification" of the region. These two concepts are often blurred in the eyes of the American public.

A well-known Islamic phrase is "There is no god but God, and Muhammad is His prophet." I fear that Americans often have a thought similar to this phrase: "There are no Muslims but Islamists, and Osama bin-Laden is their leader." These three concepts are often muddled, but they represent radically different ideas. Quite obviously, no one thinks that Osama bin-Laden is the leader of all Muslims.

As these concepts are rather confusing, some definitions are required. Quite obviously, a Muslim is one who proclaims to the Islamic religion. On the other hand, an Islamist is someone who believes in Islamic fundamentalism, which is another phrase that is often associated with terrorist organizations.

An Islamist is much akin to a Christian Evangelical. Both believe that their own religions should be understood quite literally and should be applied to all aspects of life. Evangelicals often believe that Christianity should be the sole guiding factor in their lives, whereas Islamists believe that Islam should be the sole guiding factor in their own lives. Most importantly, the majority of both Evangelicals and Islamists do not believe that either Christian or Islamic fundamentalism should be imposed by force.

# Anti-gay marriage activists hit new lows



BY STEVEN CENNNAME  
Editorial Editor

As if being against equal rights for everyone isn't already disgusting enough, anti-gay marriage activists over the last few weeks have resorted to outrageously despicable attacks on supporters of equality and civil rights.

The first oppressor is Maryland Delegate Emmett Burns, an anti-gay marriage "Democrat." Burns sent a letter to Steve Bisciotti, owner of the Baltimore Ravens, asking him to "take the necessary action ... to inhibit such expressions from your employee."

The employee in question is Ravens linebacker Brendon Ayanbadejo, a vocal supporter of marriage equality who is using his influence to make sure Maryland's marriage equality law is upheld in November. Burns sent the letter to Bisciotti in an attempt to silence Ayanbadejo, violating the linebacker's right to free speech. It is absolutely appalling how an elected official, one who takes an oath to uphold the Constitution, is abusing his power by trying to prevent people who do not agree with him from practicing their First Amendment right to free speech.

Burns eventually retracted his statement after backlash from all over the country, including calls for him to resign. He should resign, as he clearly cannot be trusted to uphold the most basic constitutional rights.

The next instance of anti-gay marriage bigots hitting new lows is

seen in a mail advertisement in up-state New York.

The mail ad (originally planned to be a billboard ad) is attacking New York Republican state senator Mark Grisanti, who voted in favor of New York's marriage equality law in 2011. Grisanti is one of only four Republicans in the state's senate that voted in favor of that common sense law.

The ad shows a picture of a shirtless guy about to get a blowjob from another guy. The ad reads, "How far will a politician go to get in your pants. For his gay marriage vote, Mark Grisanti received over \$750,000. Sometimes they're political whores."

This disgusting, homophobic ad was released by the National Organization for Marriage, the top organization devoted to fighting equal rights for gays and lesbians. NOM has a history of releasing misleading, false and tasteless ads. This new ad marks a new, painful low for NOM. They claim to want to protect children, however children will see this vulgar ad if their parents ever send them to the mailbox to retrieve the mail.

This just shows that the anti-gay marriage crowd will do whatever they can to impose their bigotry on the country. They will use their power to suppress free speech and silence the thinkers who dare to disagree with their misguided views. They will also display vulgar imagery in public to scare people into voting their way. They resort to these tactics because they know they are fighting a losing battle.

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This remark elicited a round of laughter from his audience because they could relate to it.

# Obama's speech wows crowd, inspires America



BY TYLER GRAY  
Staff Writer

If you missed Barack Obama's acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention, you missed an exciting and well performed speech.

No matter which party you belong to, both sides will agree that the speech was delivered flawlessly to the overwhelming audiences attending and watching at home. Obama radiated a sense of pride, nationalism and most of all, hope for the future of all Americans.

When delivering a speech, it is important to keep your audience interested and inspired. His skillfulness at speaking was shown heavily in his use of humor. While including a few puns and wise-cracks in his speech, he did not deviate from the topic. He presented them light-heartedly and tastefully.

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He connects to this value in a different way with one of the most quoted lines from

his entire speech, "No family should have to set aside a college acceptance letter because they don't have the money."

Nowadays, as it takes a college degree to get almost any well-paying job, families all over the nation are now led to believe that Obama is trying his hardest to make that next step in their children's lives more affordable. This makes his platform look a lot more appealing to families that are even now starting to fill out applications to colleges, or planning to do so in the next couple of years.

Obama continued to move and excite the crowd in various ways, including listing accomplishments from his first term, promising a road that would lead to an upswing in the economy and showing his support for our military by saying, "no one who fights for this country should have to fight for a job or for the roof over their head, or the care that they need when they come home."

Obama basically spent his speech effectively covering all the bases, and making sure that he appealed to every demographic in at least some way.

Watching the speech, I felt extremely moved and motivated that this could be a term of actual change and promise for our country. Obama's delivery of the speech was a legendary and impressive display of the mastery of persuading.

Unfortunately, as he is a politician, we are forced as a nation to wonder how much of this was truth, and how much he was hiding behind his silver-tongue. But I can honestly say that when I listen to Obama speak, I feel hopeful about our country's future, and I believe that the road he offers is the best route for our country to take.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In response to the article "The paleo-conservative views of republican senate candidates" in the Sept. 4 issue:

In the interest of keeping the media fair, I would like to address Steven Cennname's previously released article: "The Paleo-Conservative Views of Republican Senate Candidates."

In his article, Cennname brought up a very relevant issue: extremism within the Republican Party. Whether one agrees with the Tea Party's rhetoric or not, one cannot miss the extremist views of the Tea Party. Many would argue that this country needs extreme change, thus extremist views are necessary. The Tea Party has certainly taken advantage of that sentiment.

Moderate Republicans and Democrats do still exist, and the actions of the few should not influence our views of the whole party. But, extremism has clearly infected both parties. Although I will agree with Cennname that radicalism is certainly plaguing the Republican party, many Democrats have also managed to catch this extremist "bug."

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left out of a discussion of extremist ideas.

This presidential race has revealed how much extremism has also entered into mainstream political thought. Not too long ago, Harry Reid, the Democratic Senate majority leader, made the extreme accusation that Mitt Romney had not paid taxes for ten years. Again, leaving the validity of his claim out of the discussion, Reid's claim is clearly a little extreme for "fair" politics, if such a thing still exists.

Reid's accusation and instance on Romney revealing his tax returns reveals Reid's own hypocrisy. Reid, who has never released his own tax returns, has managed to become a multimillionaire as a career "public servant," according to Mark Steyn of the National Review.

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In response to the article "Pit bull ruling paves way for dog prejudice" in the Sept. 4 issue:

I'm writing in response to the article about pit bull injustice. A couple weeks ago I did not have an opinion on pit bulls, let alone dogs in general. I just thought they were cute and fun to play with. On Aug. 27, however, my cluelessness got a rude awakening.

As I was walking home from work that night, I noticed a dog sniffing around the yard of a house near mine. I did not think much of it, until I felt something biting my thigh and looked down into the face of a pit bull. The dog then proceeded to circle and charge at me aggressively, baring its teeth and snarling and barking.

I've never been afraid of dogs, but in this situation I was terrified. I started screaming for help until the dog's owner drunkenly stumbled out of the woods and called his dog over to him, distracting the pit bull long enough to allow me to escape. The next morning I called animal control and my real estate agency, finding out from both of them that earlier that

same day the dog had bit and attacked the mail lady. The real estate agency had the pit bull removed the very next day.

I understand that people are extremely upset over the possible new strict law residing over pit bulls and ownership of this specific breed.

However, this law was created for a reason: pit bulls are naturally aggressive animals, and without the proper training they can really hurt someone. In my opinion, I do believe that the law is a little too harsh and should be revised in a way that still allows pit bulls to be adopted from shelters, as long as the potential owner checks out as a responsible person and the dogs get proper training before being allowed to become a household pet.

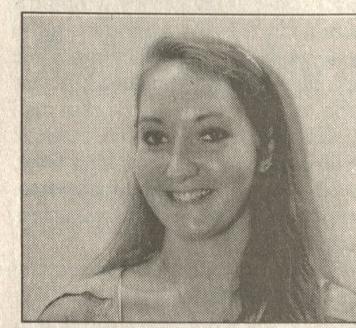
To me, negligent college students should not be allowed to own a pet that is potentially dangerous and not have the dog trained properly. It's a shame that irresponsible people like this give pit bulls a bad name, but if this new law is put in effect it will definitely prevent instances like the one I experienced from happening again.

Jeanette LeBarron

## THE ADVENTURES OF SHIRLEY HOLMES INTRODUCING...



## Has society found common sense or just stopped caring?



BY MAKAYLA-COURTNEY  
MCGEEENEY  
Staff Writer

Phone apps and handheld devices utilizing the wireless Internet, anyone can confirm the most updated pieces of news within seconds. Despite the ridiculousness of a topic, any genre of news usually holds information worth reading during a long and stressful day.

This mass communication wave is addressed every single day in modern society. Newspaper sales struggle due to the rise in Internet demand. Some large newspaper companies have decided to shell out over one million dollars to enhance their papers' picture quality while having thoughts in the back of their mind asking why they even are bothering.

Even with change over time in print media, the quality and quantity of news content has also changed dramatically. No longer are there exaggerated stories like those in the age of yellow journalism, and there are many more advertisements and separate sections that narrow down a reader's choice.

Is it simple enough to state that our generation is corrupt? Can we list our morals and what we value in life or have we lost sense of what those consist of? Due to this overconsumption and online obsession, there has been a severe decline in honesty. Some live directly off of what they can Google, which can easily range from "How do I lose weight?" to "Where are my car keys?" These acts of stupidity are labeled as laziness and carelessness.

Social media is another issue that has had a major impact on the lives of Internet users. I speak for myself and so many others when I say that as soon as I wake up, out of habit I reach for my phone and catch up on the less than one hundred and forty character updates that appeared overnight on Twitter. Some may even visit Facebook, Tumblr or Yahoo. All of these sites keep us educated throughout the day on our peers' as well as celebrities' lives.

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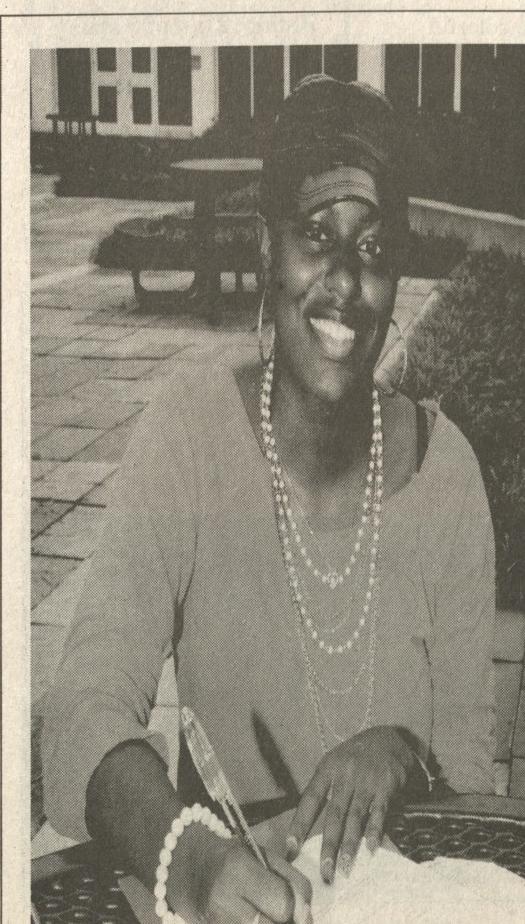
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# GULL LIFE

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## Waking up with Barbara and a side of Commons

BY TAYLOR LINKEK  
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Most Salisbury University students would agree that waking up for breakfast before a 9 a.m. class is difficult, but for Commons cashier Barbara Montgomery-Davis, starting her day at 4:30 a.m. is easy.

After saying a morning prayer, she heads to work for her regular morning routine.

Montgomery-Davis, also known as Ms. Barb, was recognized with a diversity award from President Janet Dudley-Eshbach last year for her service to SU.

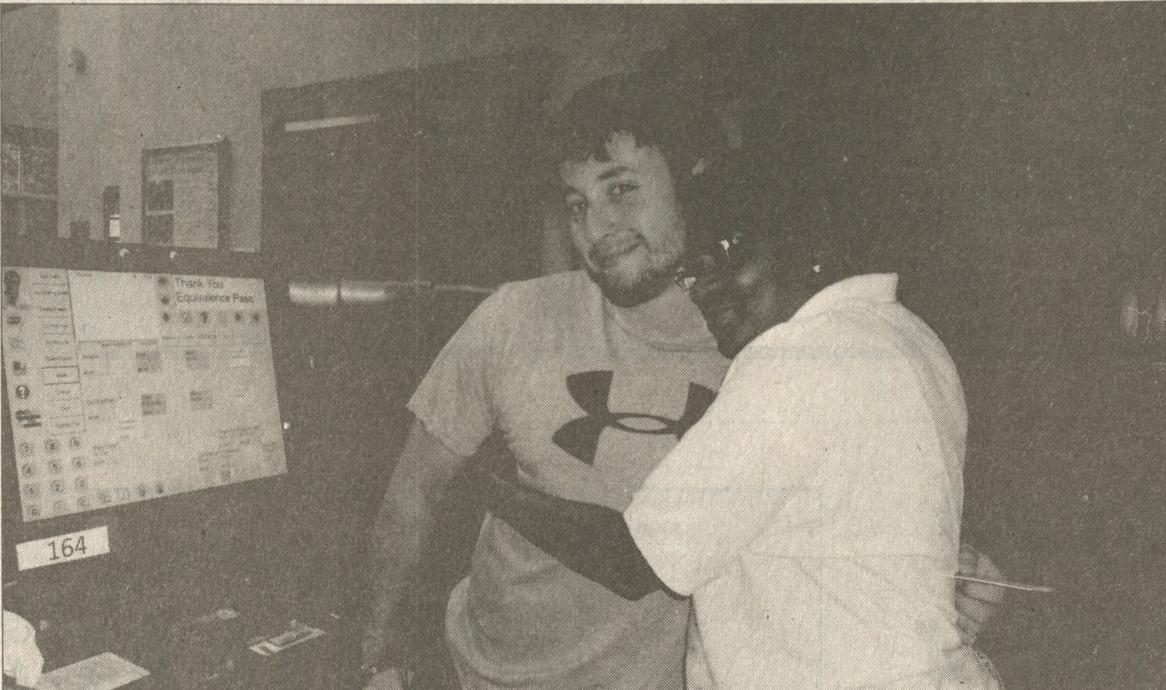
Famous on campus for her good-morning greetings, she embraces every student with a hug and an "I love you" as they enter The Commons for breakfast, bubbling with positive energy.

Her optimism has circulated throughout campus, with students wondering what makes Ms. Barb so cheerful.

She said working with kids is what keeps her smiling Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

"I love them all. There is not a single child I don't love and I don't ever miss a hug," Montgomery-Davis said. "Every boy and girl means the world to me."

Students not only love Ms. Barb as well, but appreciate her hugs and compassion. Senior

Submitted photo  
Freshman Zach Lucas starts out his day with a hug from Ms. Barb before breakfast.

Danielle Sampson remembers breakfast with Ms. Barb as a freshman.

"She makes you feel good, especially when you're used to having your parents there to wish you a great day. It's comforting hearing that from someone so happy to see you," Sampson said.

Freshman Katelyn Talbert, who starts her Tuesday mornings with biology, said seeing Ms. Barb before class is the best way to begin her day.

"For her to hug everyone, is not only nice, but it shows she cares about us. She doesn't know that she makes everyone feel special," Talbert said. "I don't know why

she's so happy, but I love it."

For Ms. Barb, it's her strong faith and values that influence her positive energy and loving manner.

Born into a strong Christian family, she is the granddaughter of a Baptist preacher and said she thanks God for helping her to be the person she is today.

"Without God, there is no me and my students," Ms. Barb said.

"He has been here with me since my poor beginnings, and I thank Him for allowing me to experience those things."

Aside from working with so many students, Ms. Barb enjoys her co-workers. She sees the Commons staff as a family that is

easy to work and cooperate with.

"She is a true bundle of sunshine," said fellow cashier Marianne, who requested that her last name not be published.

Outside of Salisbury University, Ms. Barb enjoys sewing, cooking, gardening and anything to keep herself smiling and busy.

"I love doing things outside of work, but the kids really are my joy," said Ms. Barb. "If I ever see a child in tears that is having a bad day I say, Baby it's gonna be alright. As long as there is a God in heaven, we can get through this."

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West Nile virus has been reported in 13 counties in Maryland this year, with a total of 25 confirmed cases, all in adults, and two deaths according to the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Maryland is spraying for mosquitoes in Baltimore, Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties in an effort to control the population and prevent more West Nile cases. The 2012 season of West Nile in the United States is the worst since 1999, when the disease was first discovered in this country.

Thankfully, the Centers for Disease Control believe incidence of the virus has peaked.

The second week of September brought 1,400 cases to the United States, 35 percent more than the week before.

The CDC estimates that because only about 20 percent of West Nile Virus infections cause symptoms, there may be anywhere from 210,000 to 350,000 infected adults in the

United States result in dangerous symptoms like meningitis; it is still important to be able to recognize the early hallmarks of the disease. Symptoms include fever, headache, malaise, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph nodes. Severe cases of West Nile can cause headache, high fever, stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis.

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**Tuesday, Sept. 18**  
President Open Office  
Henson Cafe  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Ping Pong Tournament  
Fireside Lounge  
7-10 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 19**  
Music of the Romantic Era  
Perdue 251  
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 20**  
Hispanic Heritage Dinner  
The Bistro  
4:30-7:30 p.m.

Quin Tango class/ concert  
Holloway Auditorium  
5-6 p.m., 7 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 21**  
No events

**Saturday, Sept. 22**  
National Book Festival  
Washington, D.C.  
7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 23**  
No events

**Monday, Sept. 24**  
Samba Dance Class  
Holloway Front Lawn  
5 p.m.

Concert: Stay Human Band  
Holloway Auditorium  
7 p.m.



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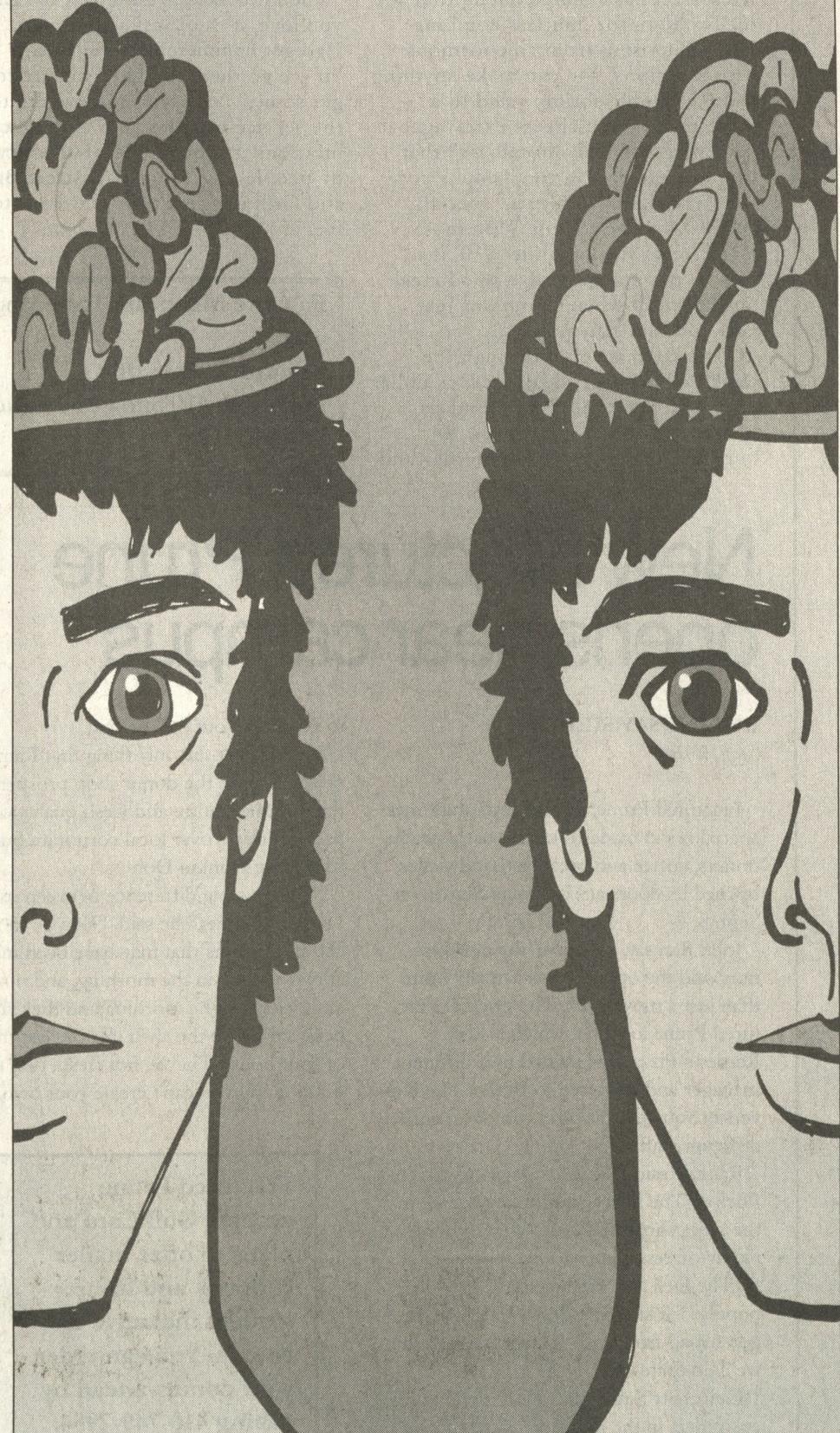
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## SPORTS

September 18, 2012

## Sea Gulls bombard Battling Bishops

BY AMY MCFARLAND  
Staff Writer



Justin Odenthal photo  
Junior Slotback Joey Sutch rushes for a gain during the second quarter of action on Saturday against NC Wesleyan.



Justin Odenthal photo  
Senior linebacker Matt McMurdo celebrates his touchdown score after ripping the ball from the NC Wesleyan quarterback and returning the fumble 26 yards in the second quarter.

### Athlete Spotlight



**Nate  
Woods**

movie is about an American teenager moving to Europe and growing to understand their culture and finding his true self through interaction with members of a local firm (gang) that live, bleed, and breathe the game of soccer or as they would call it futbol. It's an interesting story of a kid who finds out his true inner self and learns how to stand up for what he believes in by surrounding himself around the game of soccer.

What is the best part about being at Salisbury?

I like the campus atmosphere along with the outstanding competition on the field and in the classroom.

How has the team prepared for this season?

The team has worked very hard in pre-season as well as over the summer to prepare for a successful season with the goal of bringing home another conference championship as well as making a run far into the NCAA tournament in November. One man cannot make up a team so it will be a team effort to the end. I believe we can achieve these goals.

## SU junior 'rips the river' in wakeboarding competition

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN  
Gull Life Editor

Salisbury University junior and wakeboarding enthusiast Jesse Snader pulled a win in a student stunt competition outside Brew River on Sept. 8.

Open exclusively to SU students, the competition was held after the restaurant's boat docking competition. Out of the nine students who participated, the top three spots went to Snader, Guy Metzler and Joe Esko, respectively.

The event was hosted by Red Bull, and was organized by SU senior Catie Heim. The competition was the company's first college event.

Towed off a jet ski, the competitors ran off a kicker ramp, which was decorated by SU junior Spencer Buchness. They each had

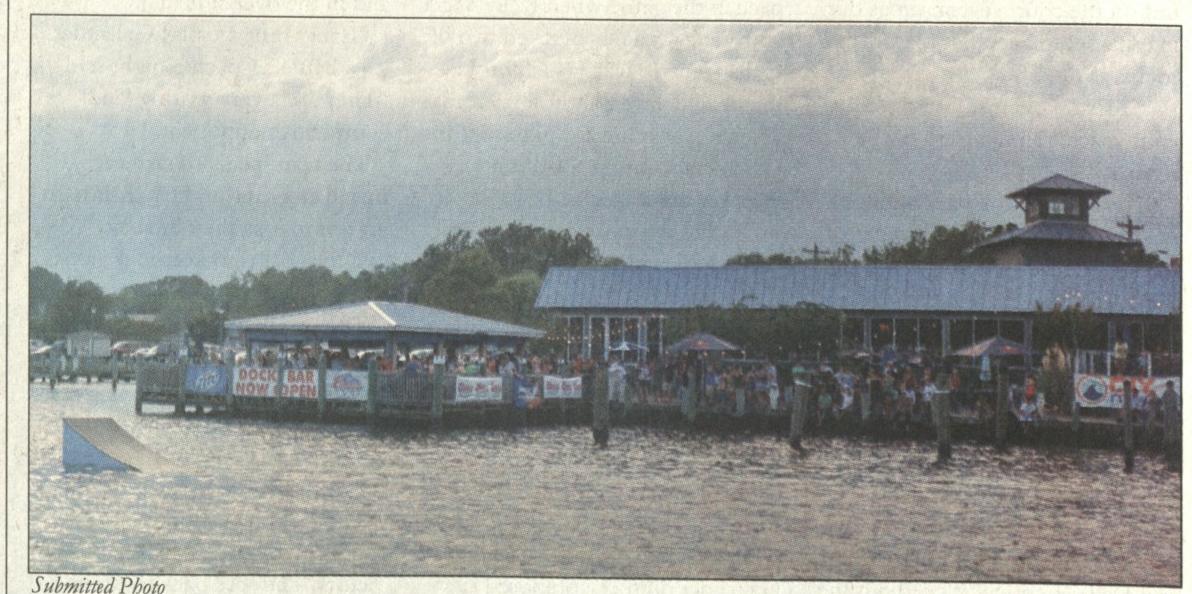
two chances to perform their best tricks. They were evaluated individually for style, amplitude and crowd reaction.

Snader, who learned to wakeboard five years ago in the Severn River in his hometown in Anne Arundel County, caught the judges' attention with a 180 degree nose-grab landing switch and a tail grab during his two runs.

Snader said he believes his wakeboarding is a form of artistic expression as well as a sport.

"You're free to express yourself, and there's so many ways you can do it," he said. "Once you're out on the water, all the pressure and tension is suddenly just gone."

The competition was judged by a panel that included national champion wakeboarder Joe Phillips, an Ocean City native who holds eight world records in the



Submitted Photo  
Brew River during the Rip the River competition.

ond-string offense to come in. Dunbar shocked the crowd by completing a pass for a 21-yard gain on just his second play.

"I was really excited to go out there and try to do something with it," Dunbar explained after the game.

He showed his excitement throughout the drive by making a run to gain 33 yards, allowing Joey Sutch to make a 7-yard run for a touchdown. While kicker Jack Molloy was unable to grab the extra point, the Gulls remained strong at 48-0.

Feeling confident, Salisbury's second-string defenders stepped in. However, at 7:33 the Bishops finally got their points in when Jacques Alston made a 75-yard run on a kick return, making it 48-6. Fortunately, the kicker missed the extra point and Salisbury's defense got a wake-up call.

During the fourth quarter, John Dunbar and Joey Sutch got the ball down to the second yard line, allowing Dunbar to carry the ball for another touchdown at 11:41. Salisbury's defense came back in, halting any last attempts of the Bishops. Dunbar continued to push the offense down the field and made two more touchdowns himself. When asked about Dunbar, Head Coach Sherman Wood expressed his enthusiasm for the freshman.

The Bishops couldn't strike back due to a fumble recovered by Salisbury's Tommy Hawks at the 40-yard line in Bishops' territory. After the fumble, Jerome Stanley made a 24-yard gain to the 28-yard line where he ran again for another Salisbury touchdown. This left the score at 21-0 after an action-packed first quarter.

In the second quarter, Benedetti made a 23-yard run into the Bishops' end zone, making the score 28-0. Senior linebacker Matt McCurdy recovered another Bishops' fumble and made a 26-yard run for a touchdown. With the score 35-0, linebacker Issa Diarra sacked Bishop quarterback Laron Ellerbee and forced NCWC to punt once again. Salisbury's defense continued to dominate, making another sack. With just one minute remaining in the first half, Stanley put up points for Salisbury after a 6 yard run, leaving the score 42-0 at half time.

Once the third quarter got under way, the Sea Gulls returned to defend against the Bishops, stopping them once again with sacks from Josh Danko. Then it was time for freshman quarterback John Dunbar and the second-

quarter.

While the next game isn't until Sept. 29, at Buffalo State, Stanton's outlook may be assured as the Sea Gulls prepare for their first conference game.

"This is not a bi-week, this is a work week."

Though Sea Gull fans were

thrilled, the players wanted a

shut-out.

"We're disappointed about those

6 points, to be honest" defensive

back Greg Stanton said.

On the upcoming bi-week for

the Sea Gulls, Stanton explained,

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# Vienna speaks about fall sports

BY ANDREW CANTOR

*Staff Writer*

Volleyball just earned their first national ranking since 2008. What has the progression of the program been like?

"They are defending conference champs and return almost everyone from that team so that is the natural progression. They are off to a great start and I am really excited, I think they are going to have a great year. They may have one of the best seasons in school history, they are that good."

Football is another program that has progressed a lot in the last few years. What is their outlook this season? "Coach Wood has done an outstanding job during his tenure. We lost to Wesley who is always a national powerhouse, but we gave them a competitive game. I believe we are in the hunt for a national championship this year."

Men and Women's Cross Country has established a great tradition under the leadership of Coach Jones. In which direction do you see the programs going?

"Coach Jones has had tremendous success so far. I had the pleasure of watching the opening meet at Winterplace Park. Both teams have tremendous potential in claiming conference championships and advance to the national

meets. They will continue to carry out the strong tradition."

Women's soccer is looking to build on their success from last year under Coach Nestor. How is the team faring so far? "They have a lot of new faces that are contributing right away along with a good amount of returners. I think we have a lot of talent out there and we can win a lot of games. Last year they made it to the national tournament, so hopefully they'll make it back."

Men's soccer is off to a good start. What are some of the expectations for the season? "We are very fortunate to have Coach DiBartolo. Almost everyone is back from last year's squad. I have gotten to see them compete and was very impressed. They can definitely play with anyone in the country."

How is the Gold Rush program going so far?

"It was started by our Associate Athletic Director, Matthew McGinnis. It's a way to bring exposure to our varsity sports and create some school spirit. I get a kick out of seeing the t-shirts being worn around campus. This is a great institution and we want to promote our great fans. It's been awesome so far, it makes me feel good about where we go to school."

# SU volleyball takes two wins at home

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Salisbury University's women volleyball team defeated both Centenary College and Gallaudet University in the start of the Sea Gull Classic volleyball tournament on Friday, Sept. 14.

Despite having to play two conference games just two days before the tournament, SU's volleyball team (13-1, 1-0) left with a victory in both of their matches.

As seats began to fill up around 3 p.m., volleyball players filled the gym to start warming up for the first game of the tournament. Salisbury versus Centenary was the first scheduled match.

SU showed their strength and capabilities during the warm up drills of hitting, passing, and blocking. Once the game started, they set the pace for the entire first set.

The first point of the game came from a set from senior Carley Todd that resulted in a kill by freshman Ashlyn Tapley. Toward the stretch of the game, SU went on a 10-0 run that included five aces from sophomore Michelle Meehan.

SU held the lead for majority of the opening set, ending it with a score of 25-12.

The second set was the closest match out of all three sets. Centenary carried the lead for most of the beginning part of the set.

Head coach Margie Knight walked out on the court several times during this set to keep her players in focus.

"Cross on defense and watch your space," Knight said to the team.

SU picked up the pace and took over the lead for the remainder of the set, defeating Centenary 25-19.

The last set of the match resembled the first set. SU took over the lead for most of the game. Centenary gave away points with service and attack errors. Senior Chelsea Glowacki led the team in a 4-0 run during the stretch of this set.

With a couple of more service aces and kills by Todd, Glowacki, and Kelly Viera, SU closed out the match against Centenary in a 25-

12 defeat.

SU's strategy for this first match was to keep their priorities on offense, Coach Knight said.

"Our goal is to get touches on every ball," setter Todd said. "And not just touches, but playable touches."

When the team noticed the competition against Centenary was getting tighter during the second set, Todd said they refocused on communicating with each other and that's how they were able to regain the lead for the rest of the match.

The team also demonstrated strong defensive skills when they kept the lead all throughout the three sets.

"Defense all starts with a block," Coach Knight said. "It is the backbone of defense."

About two hours later, the team faced their next challenge. Coach Knight said coming into this next game, she knew it would be a bit more competitive than the previous one. Gallaudet University played SU in the second part of the tournament.

SU starters Todd, Tapley, Viera, Jenna Shay, Julie Poston, Glowacki, and Michelle Meehan

led the team with a very early lead with three kills at the start of the opening set. The first lead change of the game occurred with Gallaudet's TraciAnn Hoglind's service ace. From there Gallaudet went on a 5-0 run.

There was a quick change of pace in the game when Kelly Viera and Ashlyn Tapley blocked two of Gallaudet's attacks, which broke the tie and gave SU the 11-8 lead.

Then it was point for point before Gallaudet went on a 4-0 run, taking over the lead 17-14.

Despite the close game, SU still came away with the 25-18 win for the first set.

"We knew we had to stay with our intensity," Glowacki said.

Their intensity was challenged during the next two matches. The second set was also very competitive with the several lead changes throughout the set.

An attack by Jessica Israel put Gallaudet on the scoreboard first. It was then followed by a SU kill

# Womens soccer puts up a valiant effort against Messiah

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The SU Women's soccer team hosted the defending national champions Messiah College on Saturday, Sept. 15, but unfortunately the match did not go in the Sea Gulls favor.

No. 4 Messiah College scored two goals late in the second half and won the match 2-0. The Sea Gulls were unable to score in the game, but they played with heart and never gave up.

The Messiah Falcons controlled the ball for much of the game and the SU defense took on the challenge with a valiant effort. This was a game where the SU defense was tested and the number of shots Messiah took makes that evident.

The Falcons took 26 shots, eight of them being on goal, while Salisbury only got off one shot in the

game.

"Maintaining possession, fundamentals and taking care of the ball were things the offense needed to do more of," said Coach Jim Nestor.

Sophomore goalkeeper Michelle Conrad stood tough in the goal and recorded six saves on goal in the match. Conrad and the SU defense kept the Sea Gulls in the game for most of the match.

Senior defenseman Bonnie Sandone, sophomores Jamie Hovendon and Jackie Holtzman and the three freshmen Tabitha Brown, Heather Deamond and Courtney Kos played well in the contest and did their best to prevent the Messiah offense from scoring.

"The defense came out strong and played with heart throughout the entire game. We just need to stay aware until the final whistle blows and not make silly mistakes," said junior midfielder Kim-

berly Baldwin.

SU did have an opportunity to score in the game midway in the first half when freshman Jenna DeLetto received the ball on the right side of the field. However, she was unable to settle the ball and the Falcons soon took possession. Throughout the entire game SU did their best to set up shots on target, but the Messiah defense was relentless.

Regardless of the final score, the Salisbury Sea Gulls left everything on the field and will be moving past this game and into the rest of their schedule.

"This week in practice we will work on first touches and taking care of the ball as a supporting unit." Coach Nestor said. The Salisbury Sea Gulls will be traveling to Christopher Newport on Wednesday and will be preparing accordingly for the game.



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Senior defenseman Bonnie Sandone clears the ball in the first half of action Saturday against Messiah College.

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